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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 May 2008.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 8,15,19 and 20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 8,15,19,20 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ . |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claims pending 8, 15, 19-20.

The compound claims have been cancelled.

Claim 8 and dependent claims 15,19 and 20 are now just drawn to a process of making desloratadine.

The rejection of these claims under 35 USC 103 over WO 85/03707 still stands.

The reference teaches process of purifying by recrystallization. It also teaches using an adsorbent (charcoal) (eg 11 page 10).

Applicants purifications process comprises the steps of heating the compound of formula 3 in the presence of methane sulphonic acid for 5-15 hrs at 90^0 to 120^0 C. , adjusting the pH to about 3 to 5 , treating the adjusted solution with an adsorbent and then adjusting the ph to about 9 and isolating the desloratadine by recrystallization.

WO0242290 also teaches numerous purification process . It uses the same methane sulphonic acid. See paragraph 1 page 2 and also the examples 1-4. The reference teaches methane sulphonic acid also . see the table on page 8.

In view of the various teaching purification of a known compound is *prima facie* obvious.

Using different solvents or pH conditions are within the scope of routine experimentation.

The prior art WO 85/03707 teaches the compounds of the invention and also a process of making it.

See page 11 of WO 85/03707 part B. It teaches adding acid and refluxing it with stirring for 20 hrs and then solvent is removed and then a neutralized with ammonium hydroxide.

Applicants do not have any showing that their process has unexpected results.

WO 99/01450 Schumacher et al. discloses the polymorphs of desloratadine. It clearly indicates in examples 2-4 that it is 100% pure, so it also would not have the impurity that applicants state is at a particular retention time.

In re Aller, et al 105 USPQ 233,

*Normally, change in temperature, concentration, or both, is not patentable modification; however, such changes may impart patentability to process if ranges claimed produce new and unexpected result which is **different in kind** and not merely in degree from results of prior art; such ranges are termed “critical” ranges, and applicant has burden of proving such criticality; even though applicant's modification results in great improvement and utility over prior art, it may still not be patentable if modification was within capabilities of one skilled in art; more particularly, where general conditions of claim are disclosed in prior art, it is not inventive to discover optimum or workable ranges by routine experimentation.*

Applicants process still produces a pure desloratadine.

In re Boesch, 205 USPQ 215.

The prior art compounds prepared are also 99.9 % or more pure.

The rejection still stands.

Conclusion

Claims 8, 15, 19 and 20 are rejected.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rita J. Desai whose telephone number is 571-272-0684. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, flex time..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Janet Andres can be reached on 571-272-0867. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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